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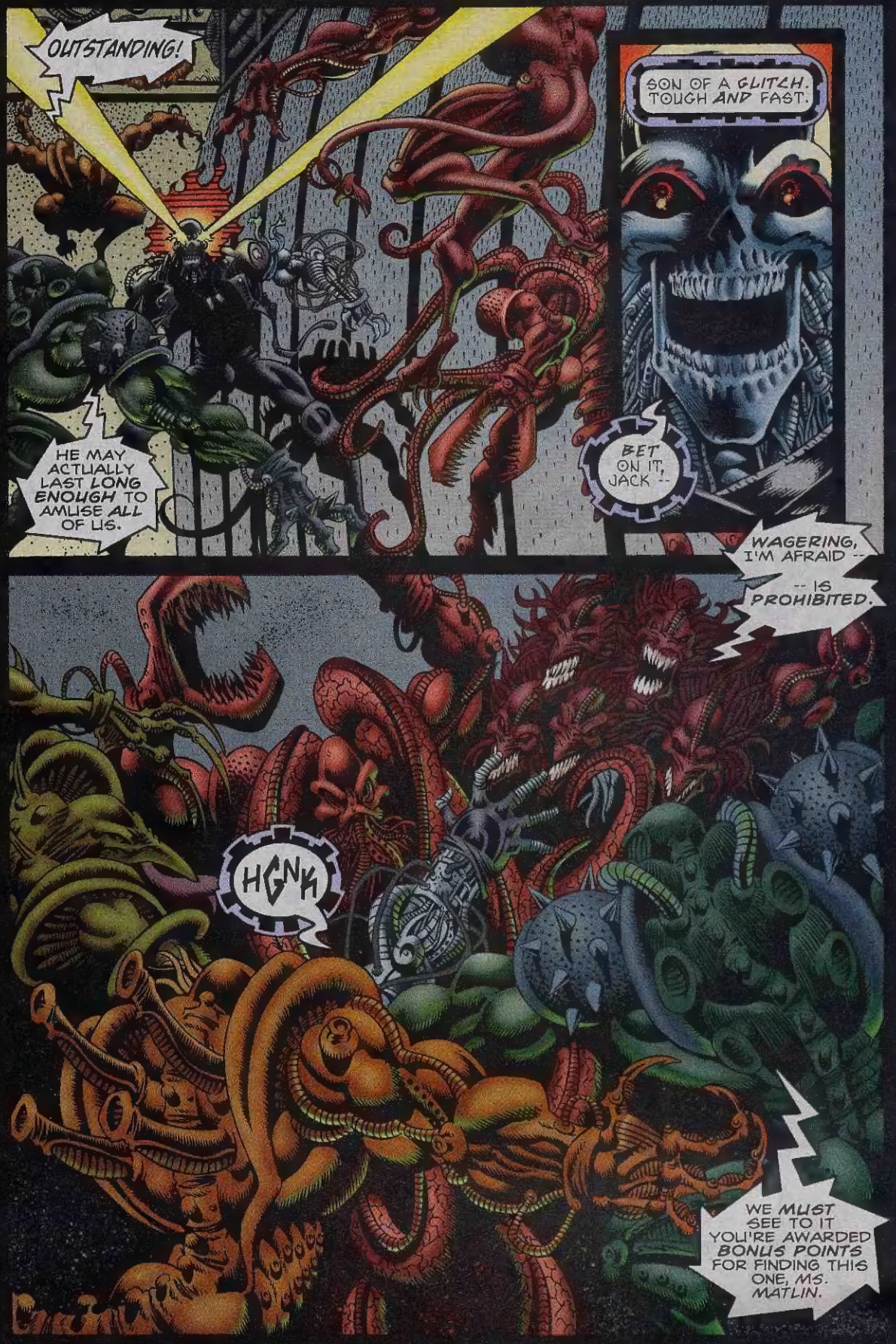
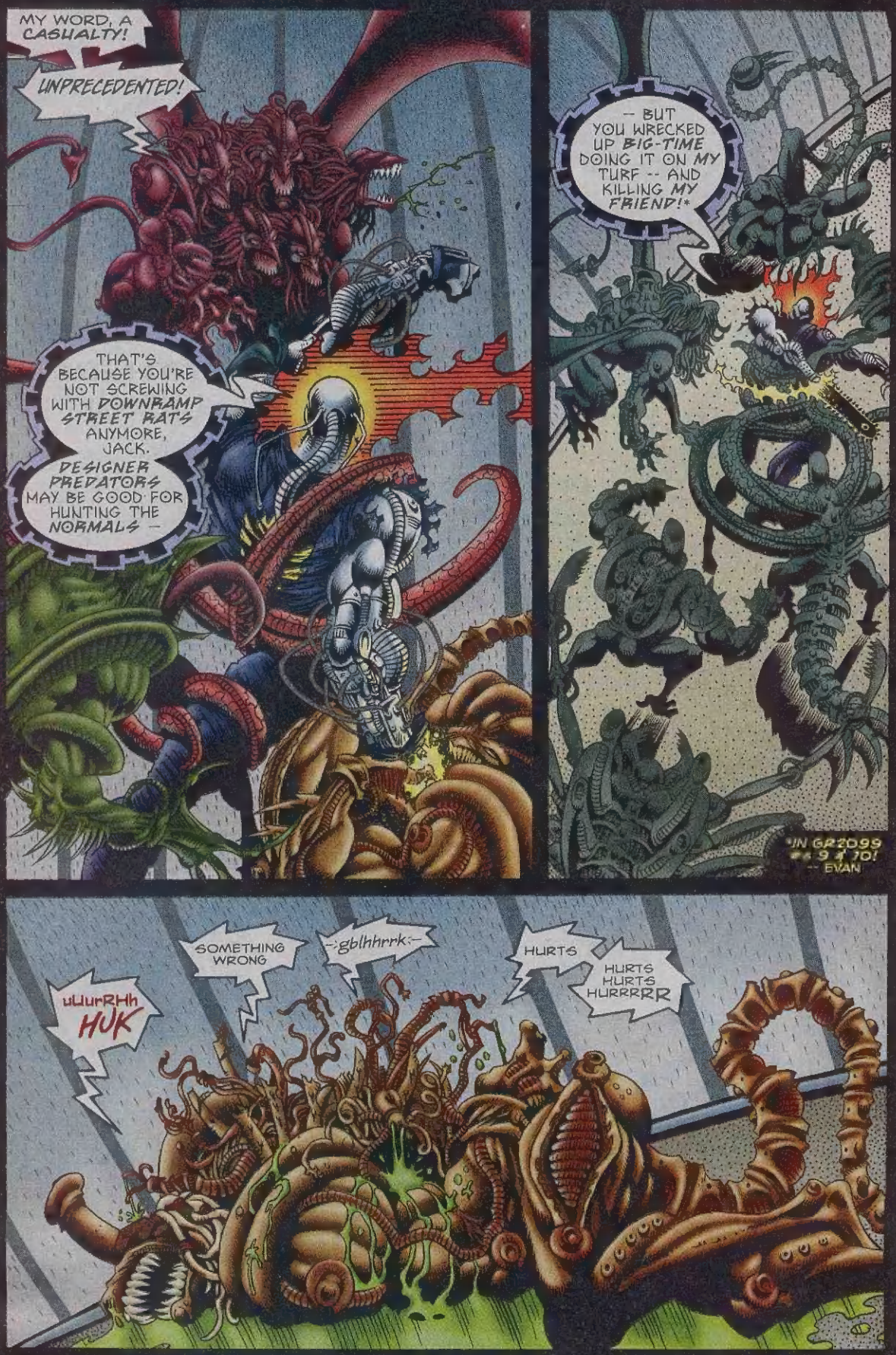
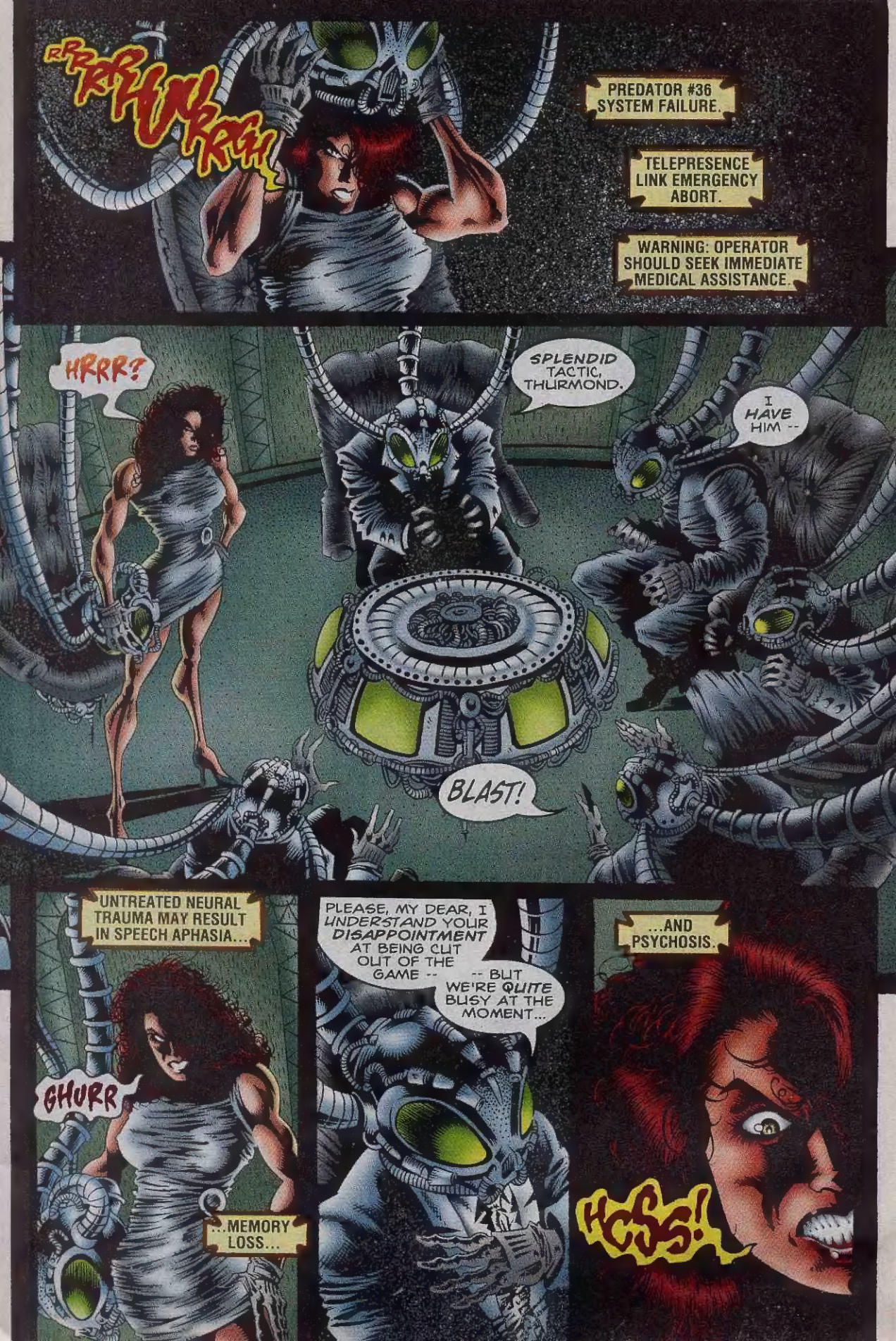
SO, YOU HORRORSHOWS CAN TALK.
IN THAT CASE --
HUKK
HRGH
-- YOU GOT ANY LAST WORDS?
SHRIK


OUTSTANDING!
SON OF A GLITCH. TOUGH AND FAST.
HE MAY ACTUALLY LAST LONG ENOUGH TO AMUSE ALL OF US.
BET ON IT, JACK --
WAGERING, I'M AFRAID --
-- IS PROHIBITED.
HGNK
WE MUST SEE TO IT YOU'RE AWARDED BONUS POINTS FOR FINDING THIS ONE, MS. MATLIN.

MY PLEASURE, MISTER GINGRICH, I --
-- uh...
-HKLURGHPH-
-HIK-
-RAT-
-URGA KRGHHK
PLUSBAGS!
YOU THINK 'CAUSE YOU'RE RICH ENOUGH TO AFFORD THIS REMOTE-CONTROL HARDWARE...
...IT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO SLAUGHTER PEOPLE FOR FUN?
FOR "BONUS POINTS"?!
-URHK-

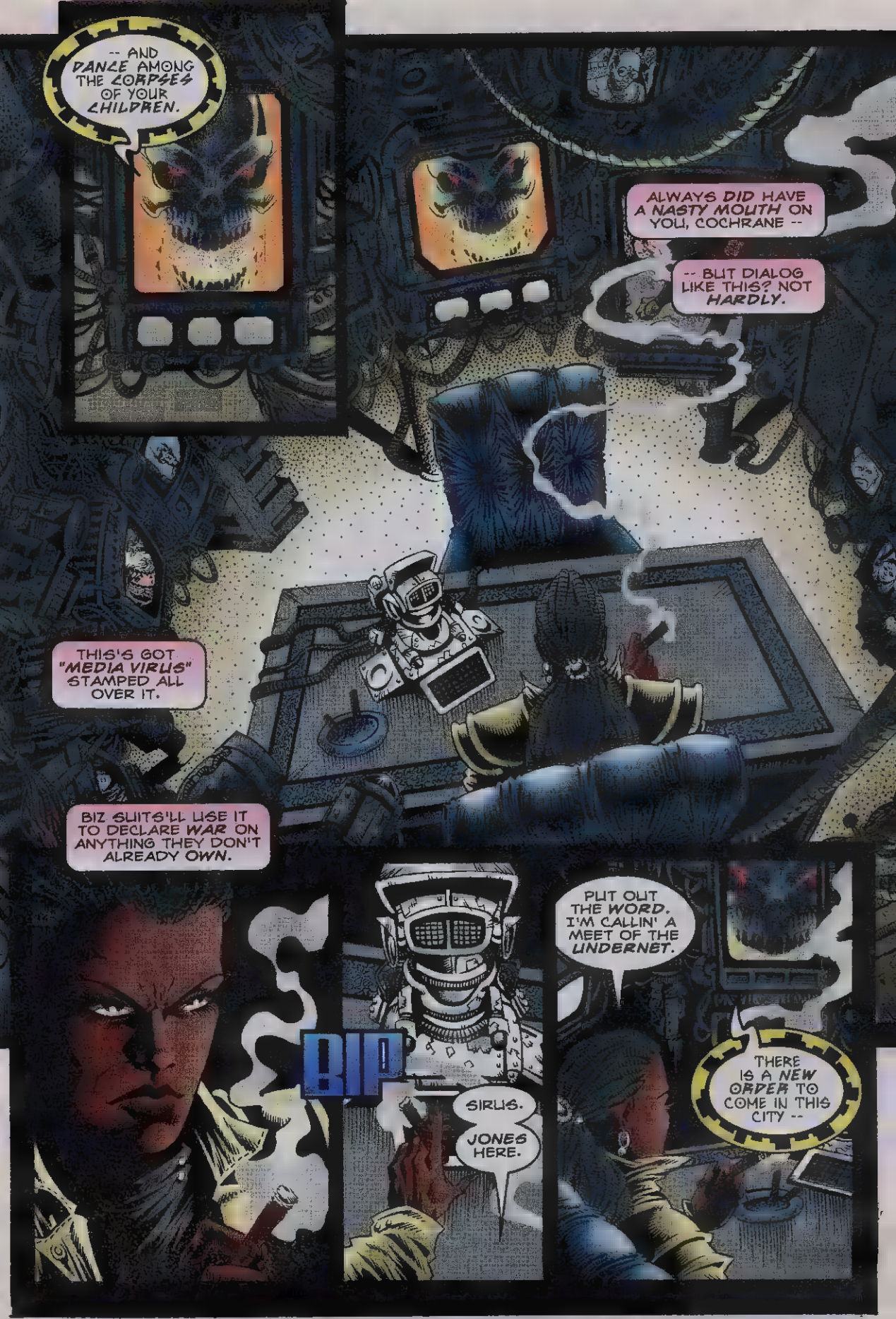

MY WORD, A CASUALTY!
UNPRECEDENTED!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT SCREWING WITH DOWNRAMP STREET RATS ANYMORE, JACK.
DESIGNER PREDATORS MAY BE GOOD FOR HUNTING THE NORMALS —
— BUT YOU WRECKED UP BIG-TIME DOING IT ON MY TURF -- AND KILLING MY FRIEND!*
*IN GRAVEDIGGER'S #s 9 & 10!
-- EVAN
uUurRHh HUK
SOMETHING WRONG
-:gblhhrrk:-
HURTS
HURTS HURTS HURRRRR


RRRRHURRGH
PREDATOR #36 SYSTEM FAILURE.
TELEPRESENCE LINK EMERGENCY ABORT.
WARNING: OPERATOR SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
HRRR?
SPLENDID TACTIC, THURMOND.
I HAVE HIM --
BLAST!
UNTREATED NEURAL TRAUMA MAY RESULT IN SPEECH APHASIA...
GHURR
...MEMORY LOSS...
PLEASE, MY DEAR, I UNDERSTAND YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT BEING CUT OUT OF THE GAME --
-- BUT WE'RE QUITE BUSY AT THE MOMENT...
...AND PSYCHOSIS.
HCSS!

ANIMALS.
I REMEMBER WHEN THIS SECTION OF COMPANY HOUSING WAS RESERVED FOR MANAGEMENT.
NOW THEY'RE EVEN LETTING MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL IN.
INSUFFERABLE.
LIKE SO MANY THINGS THESE DAYS.
SHINOBU?
HONEY, I'M HOME...
MMNH.
BUT WHAT OF ME, ANTOINE? NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE, CAN I EVER TRULY LOVE AGAIN?
the DUKES of BIOHAZARD
Oh, SYLVIA, IF ONLY WE HAD NEVER COME TO SRI LANKA...
Oh, I'M FINE. HOW WAS YOUR DAY, DEAR?
IT'S NO USE, ANTOINE.
WE BOTH KNOW IT'S BEEN OVER BETWEEN US FOR YEARS NOW.
BEEN OVER BETWEEN US FOR YEARS NOW.

I'VE A NEW PROJECT AT WORK.
IT'S TIME TO END THIS CHARADE.
ONCE IT'S DONE, I THINK I'LL FINALLY BE VESTED.
WE CAN UPGRADE OUR HOUSING STATUS.
I CAN'T, I WON'T LISTEN, SYLVIA!
WON'T THAT BE NICE?
→FSHHIP←
HHHGGKKP
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING MAINLINE MEDIA EXCLUSIVE NEWSFLASH!
HAGGHH HGLBHK
Oh, DEAR. NOT AGAIN...
NEWSFLASH
OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, MANY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE KNOWN AS THE "GHOST RIDER"...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DEAR... JUST A BROADCAST INTERRUPTION.
NOW, HERE IN HIS OWN WORDS, ARE THE SHOCKING ANSWERS...
THIS IS THE VOICE --

-- OF REVOLUTION SPEAKING.
THE PETTY COMPLACENCY OF TRANSVERSE CITY'S SHEEPLIKE MASSES WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED.
SAY WHAT?!
NO SHOCKIN' WAY!
YEAH... AFTER ALL THE SCRAP HE WENT THROUGH HELPING US OUT* --
-- IT SORTA DOESN'T SCAN...
WE WILL BURN THIS CITY TO BITTER ASHES --
*GR2099 #'S 5-8! EVAN.


-- AND DANCE AMONG THE CORPSES OF YOUR CHILDREN.
ALWAYS DID HAVE A NASTY MOUTH ON YOU, COCHRANE --
-- BUT DIALOG LIKE THIS? NOT HARDLY.
THIS'S GOT "MEDIA VIRUS" STAMPED ALL OVER IT.
BIZ SUITS'LL USE IT TO DECLARE WAR ON ANYTHING THEY DON'T ALREADY OWN.
BIP
SIRUS. JONES HERE.
PUT OUT THE WORD. I'M CALLIN' A MEET OF THE UNDERNET.
THERE IS A NEW ORDER TO COME IN THIS CITY --

THOSE WHO DO NOT JOIN US WILL DIE.
GREAT SHRIEKING ELVIS IN GEO-SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, MORTY --
HAVE YOU ALL LOST YOUR MINDS?!
I SHOT THAT FOOTAGE, AND NONE OF THAT IS ON THE ORIGINAL TAPE! THIS IS BEYOND SPIN CONTROL, THIS IS OUTRIGHT--
-:SIGH:-
CORPORATE PREROGATIVE, WILLIS.
YOUR CONTRACT EXPRESSLY STATES THAT --
HANG ON.
ALL RIGHT, WILL. YOU WANTED TO RIDE THIS STORY, YOU GOT IT.
WORD IS, THAT GHOST RIDER OF YOURS AND SIX OTHER UGLIES ARE TEARING UP SECTOR 13 RIGHT NOW...
I'M ON IT.
BUT THIS TIME, I DO MY OWN EDITING!
SO SWEARS --

-- THE GHOST RIDER!
NICE SPEECH.
-PFAUGHH-
BE SERIOUS, CODA. IT'S JUST THE USUAL RADICAL UNDERGROUND GARBAGE.
BUT I DON'T LIKE THE IMPLICATION THAT...THING IS WORKING FOR THEM NOW.
BAD ENOUGH HE'S BEEN MAKING A MOCKERY OF LAW AND ORDER IN THIS CITY, BUT IF HE'S GONE POLITICAL ON US, IT'LL BE PAYDAY FOR THE DEVIL.
MEANWHILE, THE CORPORATES'RE ON MY CASE TO BRING HIM IN INTACT AND REVERSE-ENGINEER HIM.
TOO BAD FOR THEM. I'M STILL DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL SECURITY, AND I CALL THE SHOTS.
OFFICIALLY, WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR DESIRES, OF COURSE.
UNOFFICIALLY, I DON'T WANT ENOUGH OF THAT PERP LEFT IN ONE PLACE TO BE WORTH RECYCLING.
CLEAR?
ONLY ONE THING I NEED TO KNOW...

"...WHERE'S HE AT?"
THRRRR
RRRRGH
KTHRVSHEE
YOU LIKE JAMMIN' WITH SOMEBODY WHO CAN FIGHT BACK?
OR AM I SPOILIN' ALL YOUR FUN?
WHONGK
HOW'S IT FEEL, BITHEADS?
Oh, NOT AT ALL.

KRAK-KRAK
METRO
PRAY CONTINUE.
QUICK! BEFORE WE MISS SOME-THING!
THRAKAAM
ALL RIGHT.

YOUR TURN, FAT BOY!
VVRSKRLLPT
I...
HUNNGHLK
WHAT THE SHOCK!
HAAUGHHK
I HADN'T THOUGHT ANYONE COULD TAKE THURMOND IN SINGLE COMBAT.
HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME...
HAAKGHK
GKK

"...I BARELY TOUCHED HIM."
SLURPSHP LEPHRR
SKLITCH!!
UILGRHK
AAUUGHLK
HAAGHK

ATWATER'S GOING TO BE FURIOUS. HE LOVED THAT SYSTEM BETTER THAN HIS CHILDREN.
WE MUST REMEMBER TO BRING HIM A NICE SOUVENIR.
YEAH, RIGHT.
WAIT --
-- SOMETHING IS WRONG --
SOUVENIR. HUH?

VID IT, JERKWEED --
AHAGK
ONLY THING YOU'RE GETTING AROUND HERE --
--IS EXTINCT!
ULGHK
DEFINITELY SOMETHING NOT --
HUURRR
MNH?
WHAT?
HHRROWWGHK
HUUGHK

NO..!
GET... OFF!
HEY, PUSBAG.
HCSSSS
AAUUGGH
I GOT TWO WORDS FOR YOU.
RRURGH
SKLITCH
RPRUPT
RRRG
KRALCH

HGRRGRAAGH
NNNUUHH
GAME... OVER.
KHAAK
KHAAAK
YOU... HHHG.. MUST... LISTEN...

SHE'S... HAAG... INSANE...
...K-KILLING ME...
LIKE I SHOULD CARE?
JUST SAVING ME THE TROUBLE.
THIS AREA... -AAUGHK-
HER TERR... IT... TORY... SHE KILLED... OTHERS... YOUR FRIEND...
COME... CITI... PLEX... DELTA... -HUUK- FOR YOUR... REVENGE...
...AND MINE...
HAARRGGH
-HHGGHK-
FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU CAN ROT, MAN --
-- BUT YOU GOT A DEAL.

RECORDING

OH, NO YOU DON'T...
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME THIS TIME...

TRACKING...
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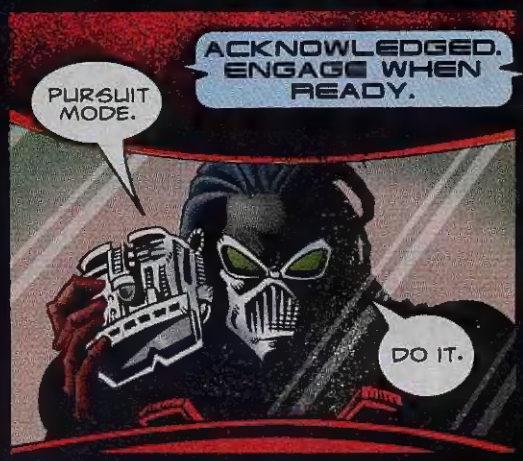
ACKNOWLEDGED. ENGAGE WHEN READY.
PURSUIT MODE.
DO IT.

THRUUUMM

NEXT:
COBRA

ITEM! "SILVER SURFER #102 is sort of my swan song on the Silver Surfer," said writer **Ron Marz**, whose 50-plus issue run on that mag ends next week. The story features the Surfer, devastated over his breakup with his beloved Shalla-Bal, confronting the mighty Galactus, and demanding that the Big G take the Surfer's powers away! But no man makes demands of Galactus! This results in a cosmic clash which sets the universe a'trembling!

"I really wanted to go out with a bang," Ron continued, "and present Galactus in as epic proportions as possible. I wanted to convey his majesty and grandeur." The art team for the SILVER SURFER is penciler **Tom Grindberg** and inker **Jason Martin**. "The pencils look amazing," Ron enthused. Tom really put a lot of work into the splash pages. There's just an incredible amount of detail on every page!"

ITEM! It's a fantastic voyage into the bloodstream of Captain America in the pages of IRON MAN #314! Editor **Nel Yomtov** explained, "Cap is in need of some micro-surgery, due to his rapidly deteriorating health. Hank Pym reduces Iron Man and sends him into Cap's bloodstream, so he can implant some micro-software to save Cap's life." Nel summed up the issue as "One old friend bailing out another when he needs him most." The issue is brought to you by writer **Len Kaminski** and penciler/inker **Tom Morgan**. Nel called issue #314 "the most consistent and solid inking Tom's done since he's been on the book. He has unbelievable enthusiasm for IRON MAN — he's always loved the character — and this is the one where he really comes into his own." Nel added that the issue also paves the way for the return of two classic Iron-foes: the Titanium Man and the Crimson Dynamo!

ITEM! Here's writer **Tom DeFalco** on his two mighty Marvels coming out next week: "In FANTASTIC FOUR #398, the FF battle the Inhumans ... they confront the Watcher ... and they are attacked by a brand-new being called He Who Summons. Also in this issue, we find out the secret behind the flaming apparitions of Sue, Johnny Storm is injured ... and there are two or three cliffhangers!" The art team for FANTASTIC FOUR remains **Paul Ryan** and **Danny Bulanadi**.

Meanwhile, THUNDERSTRIKE #18, offers what Tom calls "Thrills and chills in the mighty Masterson manner! Thunderstrike joins forces with Bloodaxe to battle Seth, the God of Death. In the course of the battle, events will be set into motion which will build up to the big #25" — an issue which will change Thunderstrike forever! (Really!) Tom added, "There is a bonus feature in THUNDERSTRIKE #18 — an eight page Tales of Asgard story featuring Young Thor, the Young Enchantress, and Young Loki." Tom said the back-up will mirror the themes running through the lead feature. **Ron Frenz** and **Al Milgrom** provide the pictures for THUNDERSTRIKE.

ITEM! It's Thor vs. a possessed War Machine over the streets of New York in THOR #484, brought to you by **Roy Thomas** and the incredible **Sandu Florea**! Writer Roy revealed, "Loki is looking for a powerful body, since Thor destroyed the body-armor that was basically holding him together. Loki chooses to take over War Machine, so he can get his revenge on Thor!" Roy promised plenty of action, noting that this time, Loki won't stop till Thor and Sif are dead!

STILL ON SALE

- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #437:** Cap fights the battle of his life — on life support! By Gruenwald/Hoover/Bulanadi!
- **DARKHAWK #49: Overhawk** goes overboard! More trouble for our overworked hero! By Fingeroth/Smith/Akin!
- **FANTASTIC FORCE #5: Huntara** hunts **Dreadface**! He's an easy guy to find! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Bastianoni/Cabrera!
- **FORCE WORKS #9:** Say g'day to **Dreamguard** — he's the Aussie super hero, mate! By Abnett & Lanning/Calafiore/Garcia!
- **MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #175:** The final presentation! With **Steel Raven, Vengeance, Lunatik,** and more!
- **NAMOR #60:** It's a blood bath as Namor and **Andromeda** confront **Bloodaxe** and **Blood Wraith!** By Herdling/Isherwood!
- **BLACKWULF #10:** In his final issue, Blackwulf goes out fighting against his devious dad, **Lord Tantalus!** By Herdling/Medina!
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #58:** Starhawk finds what's left of the **Silver Surfer!** By Gallagher/West/Montano!
- **SILVER SABLE #34:** Silver *quits* the Wild Pack! By Wright/Purcell/Ecklund
- **WAR MACHINE #12:** The War Machine meets the Terror Device! By Kaminski & Benson/Chlystek!
- **AVENGERS #384: Hercules** must fight his wicked stepmother! By Harras/Deodato/Palmer!
- **FANTASTIC FOUR UNLIMITED #9: Ant-Man** wants to conquer the Earth — and he's got the power to do it! Guest-starring **Thor!** By Thomas/Trimpe!
- **MARVEL ACTION HOUR: THE FANTASTIC FOUR #5:** Warlord Krang leads the army of Atlantis! Guest-starring **Namor!** By Cavalieri/Alcatena!
- **MARVEL SUPER-HEROES MEGAZINE #6:** Classic tales of **Hulk, Daredevil, Iron Man,** and **Fantastic Four!**
- **WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH #38: Domitian** has Firelord's soul and the Watch wants to get it back! By Arcudi/Oliffe/Williams!